SYDNEY ANARCHIST

'THE SEED'

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Welcome to issue 1 of this Anarchist Community Newsletter. Contributions are welcome for news,community issues and any topic of interest.What we lack in resources(at the moment) we hope to make up for in a diverse forum for ideas and a lack of party line conclusions to every article. Contributions can be left at either Black Rose books or Jura books and articles that are typeset and with accompanying graphics would be preferred. Also if you want to get involved in the layout and collating we have a rotating editorial collective which ensures that skills are shared and no experience is necessary. If you are in a financial way then a fiver to be a subscriber would help us keep aliver!

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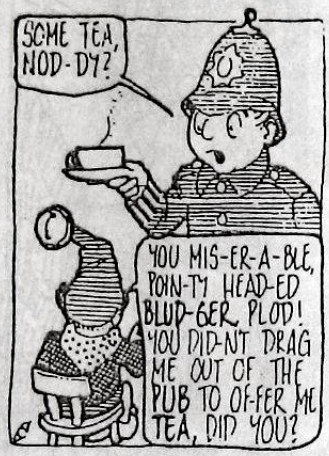
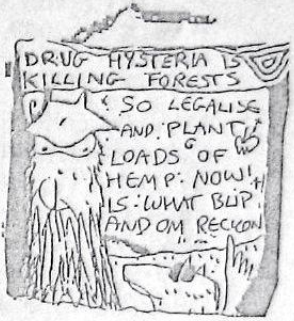


LET IT GROW!

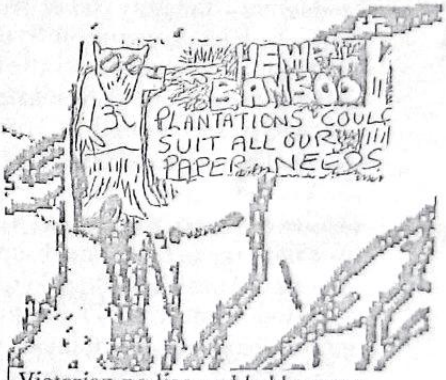
Mayday saw many demo's worldwide all fitting into the flavour of the environment,Germany and Russia rioted while in the northern N.S.W town of Nimbin 1000 people (population usually 400) held a rally calling for the legalisation of marijuana. Carrying a 12-metre long (unfortunately)fake joint and chanting `let it grow' the protestors went to the town hall where they listened to speakers including local lawyers and councillors,and to help them get through the speeches they had a few joints and hoisted `the big joint' onto the roof of the town hall.

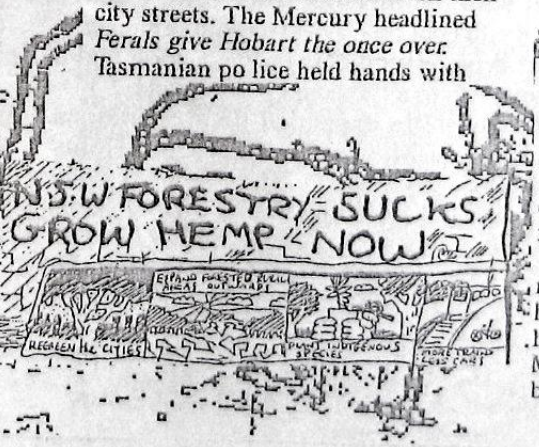


SUMMER IN TASMANIA

A bit colder than summer up here, but summer nonetheless. Various peoples met up in Tas for a forestry campain (or two, or three?) Factionalism seemed to rule the day, and not a lot got done.

The Taswegians themselves generally didn't know what to think of the tribes that had descended on their city streets. The Mercury headlined *Ferals give Hobart the once over.* Tasmanian po lice held hands with





Victorian po lice and held a press conference where Steve Guest called us all *fringe environmental radicals* and played up dangers of violence. Not helpful. Even the Wilderness Society demanded dreads be cut off and rings removed.

A good festival was had at Jackeys marsh, but even this was loaded with hi-rarky motives. Good things happened, some ran well, some didn't. Maybe next time we'll all get along a bit more.

A Tasmaniac.

JURA BOOKS

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The Jura collective continues to meet in The Shop on the second Monday and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6pm—interested parties welcome. (Urgently needed is an electric oven for the kitchen). Jura holds a regular stall each Thursday at Sydney University and recently also held a number of stalls in Canberra during both the National Folk Festival, and at conferences on Intellectual Suppression, Whistleblowing, and Social Responsibilty in Science. In all generating $340.

The Anarchist Pow Wow of 25 April was most enjoyable and productive—the May *Rebel Worker* has a brief report. It was agreed, *firstly*, to have a common **Sydney Anarchist Newsletter** (namely, what you have in your hot little hands, folks!); *secondly*, to develop the upstairs back room at Jura as an information (production/generation) centre—a $50 donation from the Melbourne I.W.W. has been received—the Black Cat never forgets ... many thanks!; and *thirdly*, to revive the upstairs front room at 110 as a library/information resource—each Wednesday from 6:30 pm a group of people have been working in the room, discovering (political) riches!—all welcome.

The next **Anarchist Pow Wow** is on sunday June 20 in Newtown.

Food/drink from 12 noon, with the meeting from 1pm. Contact Joanne (c/o Jura), Monique or Keith (ph: 569 7943) to help organize.

Mayday was a raging success! Wonderful picnic in the a'noon and a great gig (truely *amayzing*) at nite (up to a thousand participants ...)

Ye olde Brisbane anarchiste bookstalle expanded their operations exponentially to open a shop front on Mayday in Wesr End: Holus Bolus at 190 Boundary St. (ph: 07 8444593). They're next door apparently to Justice Products, and not far from Emma's Bookshop/ Institute of Social Ecology (82A Vulture St. ph: 07 8444973), the Sitting Duck restaurant and the Learning Exchange; *and* there's the anarchist-edited *Westender*. Definitely a lively anarchist influenced suburb.

Another (!) anarchist bookshp—Books from the Black Lagoon—has opened in Auckland, Aotearoa (N. Z.) at 5 College Hill, Ponsonby.

Peter McGregor,
Jura Collective.

New Titles

Relevance of Anarchism to Modern Society, S. Dolgoff	$3.00
Solidarity Union, Straughton Lynd	$6.40
Towards an Anarchist Society, Libertarian Workers for a Self-managed Society	free
Feminist Theory: from Margin to Centre, Bell Hooks	$10.40
Yearning, Bell Hooks	$13.25
Talking Back, Bell Hooks	$10.40
Ain't I A Woman, Bell Hooks	$11.50
Activists Rights Handbook	$4.00
Perestroika and the Soviet People, D. Mandel	$12.00
Enrages and Situationists in the Occupation Movement, France, May 1968, Rene Vienet	$13.50
Deep Ecology and Anarchism, (Freedom)	$5.00
Rocking the Boat, Reebe Garofalo	$15.00
Looking Forward:Partipatory Economics, Albert & Hahnel	$9.75
Universities in the Business of Repression, J. Feldman	$13.25
(back in stock)	
Collateral Damage, C. Peters	$15.00
Necessary Illusions, Noam Chomsky	$15.50
Fateful Triangle, Noam Chomsky	$17.00
Friendly Fascism, B. Gross	$16.00
Breaking Bread, Bell Hooks & Cornell West	$13.25
What is Anarchism?, (Freedom)	$5.00
Demonstration Elections, E. Herman & F. Brodhead	$10.40
Real Terror Network, E. Herman	$11.50
Trilateralism, H. Sklar	$18.90
Strike!, J. Brecher	$14.25

Journals (*free* unless price specified)

Cantrills Filmnotes nos. 69/70 (enquire Jura); Z March $5.00; *Lies of our Times* (LOOT) April & May $3.50; *The Web* (new Sydney anarcho-feminist/animal rights zine) free!; *Industrialist Worker* March; *Pacific News Bulletin* April; *Burning Issue* Autumn $1.00; *Freedom* 6/2/93 $1.50; *Sparks* April; *The Other Israel* April $1.50; *Jewish Socialist* Jan-March $2.75; *Rebel Worker* May 50c; *Earth First!* March $4.00; *Chain Reaction* Feb. $4.00; *Anarchist Age* weekly (3-9 May) & monthly (April & May); *Raven* no. 20 'Peter Kropotkin' $5.00; *Framed* no. 21; *The State Adversary* April $1.50; *Libertarian Labor Review* Winter 92-93 $5.00; *Searchlight* Jan. $2.70; *Trouble & Strife* Winter 92 $6.00; *Love & Rage* Feb-March $1.00; *Angry People* (latest) $1.00; *Anarchist Studies* no. 1 $11.00; *Arena* April/May $4.75; *Fifth Estate* Spring 93 $2.00 ... & MORE!

US not U.S.

At easter 93 about 700 people travelled to the Sth Aust desert, desert,7000 km from Sydney to a place called Nurungar.This place was taken from the Kokatha people and labelled "prohibited area" for the sake of the U.S. military, its Australian parasites and global military "security".The Nurungar base is officially a "joint" communications facility but in reality it serves the interests of the U.S. spy machine by tracking messages from and spying on satellites over Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

The people of Aust. and more importantly the traditional landowners of the region, the Kokatha, aren't allowed into the area and aren't even told what exactly goes on at the base or what the message it picks up are used for.We do know that in the Gulf War the base was used to interrupt Scud missiles,however its success rate in doing this was pretty pathetic and just shows how pointless and wasteful the uses of high technologyfor military purposes really are.

the message was lost among the pictures

Nurrungar protest bill $300,000

what looked like leftovers from the *Mad Max* movies struggling with police and other authorities."

Two campers; both female are heartfelt idealists -

Are they trying to fit an image?

Anyway,this story of land theft, secrecy and militarism is basically what got these 700 people pissed off enough to go to the base and let their steam out, their hair hang down and their buttocks flash (among other things).

The media dismissed the group as a bunch of Anarchic public nuisances, the Nurungar Nasties,enemies of the state and wasters of the taxpayers money(!!?!)They must have conveniently missed out on hearing the great grannies for peace, the construction, forestry,mining,engineering union(CFMEU),the spokeswoman for the Kokatha people,the representatives of peace movements in Bougainville,the Philipines and Cuba,or seen all the families and Christians that turned up.

In fact the Mainstrteam media missed the whole point.They didn't mention the fact that $20 million is spent annually on U.S. bases in Australia and that the protestors are tax payers themselves!

A whole range of actions took place, most of them colourful and peaceful.The most inspiring action was the break-in to the Woomera rocket range.The police arrived embbarrasingly late- a bunch of people had already climbed the fence, gone for a stroll and decorated the buildings with spraypaint.The lack of predictable authority figures,the Australian protective(sic) services,ASIO,mounted police,german shepards,motorbikes and police confronting protestors was very refreshing.

The fact that protests always seem to rely on the media for maximum effect means that police are always notified and a part of it.This is pretty depressing because it means that the protestors enemy number one becomes the police, when really the pigs are only a small part of a big fucked up political construct.I think the police get their photos taken much more than they are worthy of.

The next bit is taken out of Leigh Sharp`s article in Thurunka(UNSW paper);

The military is the biggest multinational company in the world.The richest,the most untouchable,the most resource intensive,the most destructive and the best networked.It has its head office in the American Pentagon and Australia(like many other countries) has become a minor customer, sales outlet and allround convert.Like any sensible multinational it ensures a continuing supply and demand for its products by whatever means necessary- by selling equipment to countries that may then be promoted as a possible threat in their region.Where does this money come from? Housing,Education,Welfare etc, all in the name of national security.

Every hero needs an enemy and America has been at a bit of a loss since the Soviet Union declined the honour.

ONCE again, the American base at Nurrungar is to be invaded by protesters and how lucky they are to be living in a country which is free enough to allow them to protest.

Anyway, what the overall outcome of the Nurungar protest was,is hard to say.In terms of media coverage a few senmsational headlines and disgusted letters to the editor may have made "Nurungar"a household name for a few days.Although this kind of effect isn`t all bad,it`s a bit like a mozzy bite which comes with an itch and goes with a sign of relief.For the people who went,it was definately a less shortlived experience.We saw the raydomes, we saw the fence absurdly placed in the middle of nowherer,we talked to the Kokatha people and met heaps of good folks.This kind of knowledge isn`t trivialised or forgotten by the time you reach the crossword or pass the expiry date.Hopefully it will linger, inspire and be shared with people for some time to come.

Look out for actions against U.S. military bases in the future-the next major campaign will be at Pine Gap spy base(near Alice Springs).The military-industrial complex also rears its ugly head in June with a "defence opportunities for industry" conference in Melbourne and Sydney.

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JURA LIBRARY REPORT

At the April Pow-Wow a few of the people attending decided on and organised a group to sort out the archival periodicals housed at Jura. This group has met every Wednesday night since and has made significant headway into the task.

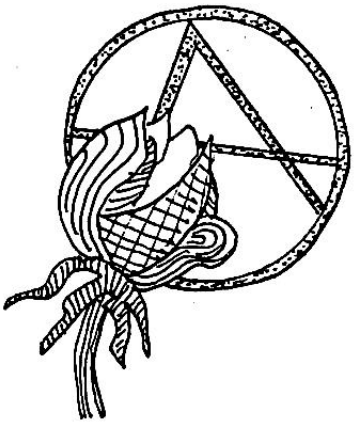
We have sorted around fifty titles into chronological order and have decided to give duplicates to three main organisations, namely Rainbow Archives, Paper-Go-Round and to Jamie from the Macquarie Uni Anarchist Collective. We'll sprinkle some around the shop for people to take, and some will eventually go to the big alternative archives in Switzerland.

By sorting in such a way, we hope to have as complete a collection as possible of alternative periodicals so that anyone can see at a glance a whole history of peoples and their struggles and ideas that have evolved, which would otherwise go unreported and possibly refuted by the waste of paper that is the mainstream press.

We've uncovered some treasures while sorting that have been buried for years. I unearthed the original lease for Jura Books when they were in Newtown as well as some I.W.W. papers and Freedoms which date back about thirty years.

At this stage we are very positive we can achieve our goal in a reasonable timeframe. If anyone else would like to join the group/cause, just turn up at Jura Books around 6 - 6:30 pm on Wednesdays and you'll be welcome.

-Haron-



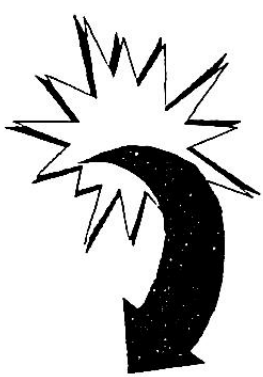
BLACK ROSE

Black Rose, as you may well know, is a non-profit book shop run collectively for almost eleven years. At meetings decision making is based on concensus and we try to make them as fun and laid back as possible while maintaining structures to help us share responsibility and knowledge. If you'd like to come to one, get in touch and we'll tell you where and when.

We also have monthly vegan dinners every first Sunday of the month at the shop (6pm). Last time we showed The Battle of Trafalgar, a video (you can get from us) about the English poll tax riots and media mis-representation of it. On June 6 we'll be showing Are You In a Bad State, produced by the Society of the Spectacle, who are also responsible for the Spectacular Times pamphlette which have recently arrived with other situationist stuff.

such as The Revolution of Everyday Life and Revolutionary Self Theory. Other recent arrivals are Breaking Free (Attack International), Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee-An Indian History of the American West by Dee Brown, Ill Fares the Land- Susan George, Visions on Fire- Emma Goldman, and Squatting in West Berlin. We've also Kev Carmody's latest release on LP and cassette.

Black Rose likes to support local and alternative events and often has stalls. The next one will be at the Sydney Underground Youth Festival, which will be held at the Tramshed Depot (behind Newtown station) on Sunday June 13. We also have free pamphlets and info, and a reading table so you're welcome to drop in when you don't have any cash.



We also run a bit of a mail order service so if you don't live in Sydney or can't be arsed coming over to the shop, write to us and we'll send you out a catalogue.

The address is
583A KING STREET
NEWTOWN 2042
or you can ring on
519 9194

Did it feel the pressure and decide to get the fuck out? (ha ha)
No, seriously, was Oppenheimer just curious about what would happen or was he aware that metaphorically he was digging the graves of millions?

You don't have to be a genius to work out that the motives behind science and universities aren't always as innocent as they are made out to be. Academia, science and technology are dressed up in elitism and fancy words that hide the fact that it all affects us in a very real way. It's important to critisize the emphasis and priorities of science and technology - it doesn't mean that you have be anti-technology.

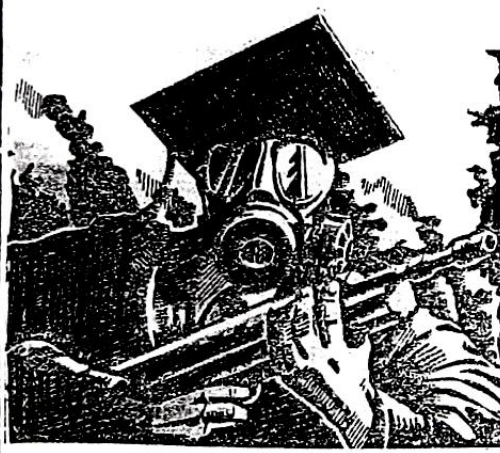
Because they are interrelated, a priority in one will be reflected in the other. The priority of technology is military, so the priority of science is also military . That's why over half the scientists in the world work directly or indirectly for or with research grants from the department of defence.
That's why US$1 trillion is spent on the global military budget each year - and the channels in which this flows is determined by the forces which drive the market or determine the priorities of the state budget - enter big business, student sponsorship by the army and techno. parx.
Military interests in scientific research lie in fields like com-munications, biotechnology and genetic engineering, of which all can have a pretty scary impact if they are usedwith dodgy motives.
Although gentic engineers say their priorities are human health and wellbeing, things like gentic screening are becoming more common. Genetic screening is a useful discrimination tool for the elite because it puts people into categories of "clean genetic makeup" or "dodgy genetic makeup".

In 1982 , 17 out of the biggest 399 companies in the US already thought genetic screening was an ordinary procedure when employing new people and 5% of others were currently introducing it.

The fact that, legally they can't reject people if they have genetic *disorders* doesn't garantee much, because otherwise, why would they bother?
The potential misuse of this kind of technology by cops, etc is pretty scary - "Hey, why don't we get rid of this bitch - she's loaded with **criminal genes!** "

Anyway, I just wanted to bring that up because I think, that although it doesn't have to be inherently bad, technology can be a lot less harmless than people think.

ADV. TECHNOLOGY PARK - PLAGUE GROUND FOR THE RICH!



Universities are made out to be pretty innocent in our time - they are the providers of "education for all", the path to sucess for the working class, etc.
However behind this friendly notion and myth lurks the dubious relationship between universities, arms companies and the department of defence, cooperating on research projects and maintaining informal contact.... For example the uni of NSW carried out guided weapon evaluation as part of a research contract for the military in 89/90.

It is the universities role to desensitize students and mould their innocence/ignorance into a marketable image of "australia's future" to sell to the cappos.

It's no coincidence that students in applied science or engineering aren't given room to learn social subjects - or the ability to extrapolate the effects of scientific research which they are part of into real social consequences.

The priorities of science and technology have to change before we give them more room and money and freedom to play around with funny little test tubes and things- especially if it means taking funds away from things like housing etc!

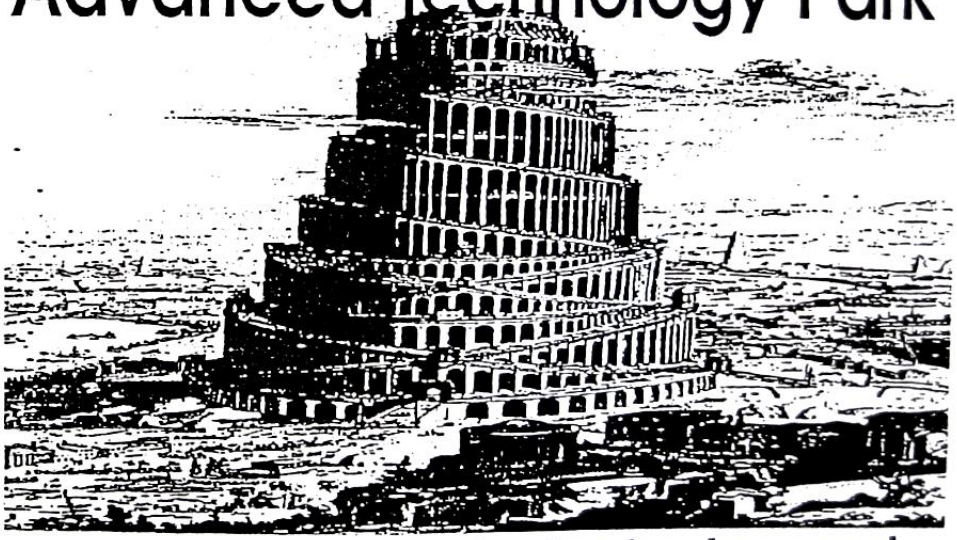
That's why the proposed advanced technology park should not be welcomed in Redfern, nor anywhere else.

Universities in our backyard are paving and financing the way for technocrats and big business to keep brewing up their bigger and better techno-fix - more knowledge, more power, bigger habits, keep the money flowing and inject university cirriculums and society with assurances that science is pure and technology is for the good of the people. If technology is really for the benefit of people, then why is any information regarding things like the ATP kept as far away from the community as possible?

WHO'S GONNA PLAY IN THE TECHNOLOGY PARK?

phone 660 5222 for details

Advanced Technology Park



a 14 ha joint industry/uni secret research city in the middle of Redfern for big business to play in

THE LATEST JELLYNEWS...

Most of you would know that Jellyheads was taken to court by South Sydney Council and forced to close down the venue at Wellington St. Chippo. It was a big blow to many, though with some relief at having more time for other things and not having to fork out wrent to the landleach every week. Anyway there's still things to deal with such as court costs ($3,000 for injustice), future directions, and how to utilise things like the community P.A. which the Jellyheads got together.

At the last meeting it was decided that the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre would be a good place to house the P.A. as many a good roudy night was had there in the lead up to the venue, and the NNC folks will charge a small fee for its use to finally pay it off and put it in the hands of the community.

Many of the people in the collective are still involved in work on various projects, campains, and events sharing similar themes and ideas as Jellyheads. A-MAY-ZING, the combined anarchist picnic/May Day free rave was a good example. As is this newsletter, the Save the Erko Parks C'tte, and the Anti Advanced Technology Park campain. (see the ATP article. Eds)

Quote from the last Jelly heads news letter... However corny it sounds we would like to send out a huge thank you to all you fucking crazies out there who have put time, nrg, and hard earned dosh into something a little different and more encouraging than what we are normally given and labeled as entertainment.

Even though the workload was a little overbearing at times and the cleaning up a little tedious, the beauty and pure lust for ideas into action which engulfed us all far outweighed the negative.

We regret fuck all and have never claimed to have done all the right things. Each day was a learning process and each event became a step in the development of a much more crucial and closely knit community network, which we as a collective feel proud to be a part of.

Our diversity is our beauty, and these networks must be maintained if we wish to remain strong, confident, and liberated.

Love and Anarchy, the Jellyheads collective.

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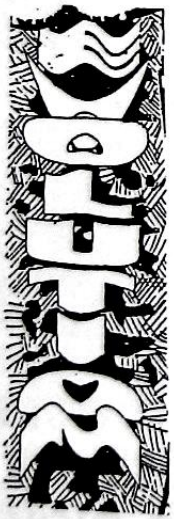

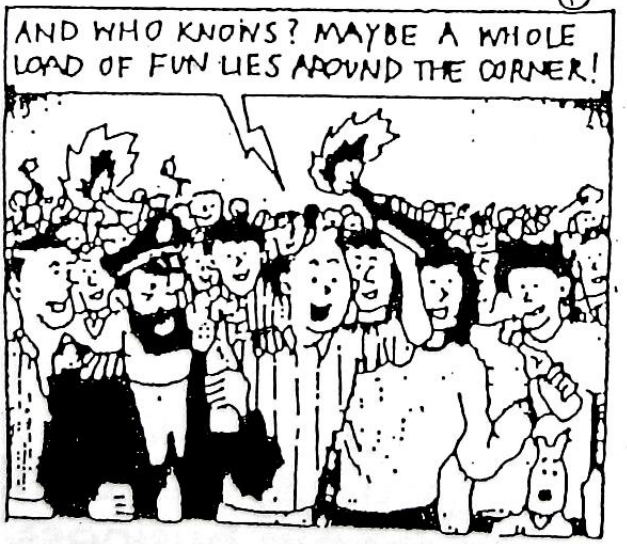

IF YOU THINK REVOLUTION IS UNNESSESARY OR IMPOSSIBLE, THINK AGAIN; HURDLES MUST BE OVERCOME HOWEVER TO ACTIVATE THE MINISTRY
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EVOLUTION LIKE REVOLUTION IS THE ACCELERATION OF CHANGE & COMMUNICATION LEADING TO A RE-REVOLUTION OF OUR SOCIETYS. TO AN INFINATELY BENIFICIAL FUTURE FOR ALL OF EARTHS BEINGS
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EARTH
SLEEP TILL SUNRISE
FREE ON THE FULL MOON
REMEMBER THE FUTURE
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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
BRING WARM CLOBBER KEEP YOU EAR TO THE EARTH FOR DETAILS
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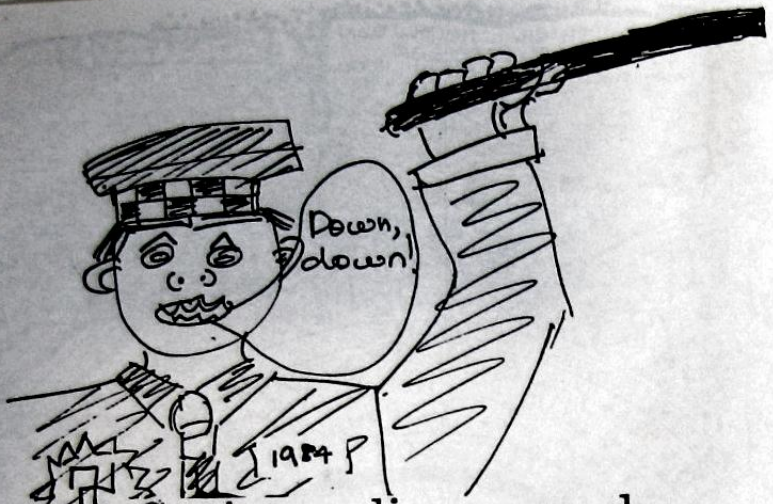

Senior police named as porn movie stars

The Extremely Liberal Club

(otherwise known as the sydney uni anarchist collective) proudly introduces itself to the oppressed of the world, and invites all and sundry to participate in activitiesscientifically designed to achiev e instant liberation through world-wide revolution. To date some of the se include bugger all, a vegan feast, lots of gasbagging about ongoing and planned projects, like a party propaganda fest titled "A Celebration of Life Under Capitalism in a police state", yes we did steal(expropri-ate?) the idea from the melbourne ASF!! The/A major project for this year is an anthology of grafix, essays, "how to" guides for direct action/ autonomy, interesting newsclippings etc. The work does'nt have to be original(pirate away), but aknowledging sources would be great. The naughtier the better. some examples of stuff we have to stick in it are good pamphlets on anarchy that are easy to reproduce, pictures from Punchline, sheets with sticker ideas that can be photo copied onto a4 sticker paper, contact lists, book reviews plus lists of books and their call numbers in various libraries(especially ones that are'nt read much butshould be!)-I hope you get the idea

*we meet Thursdays at 1pm under the jacaranda tree at uni

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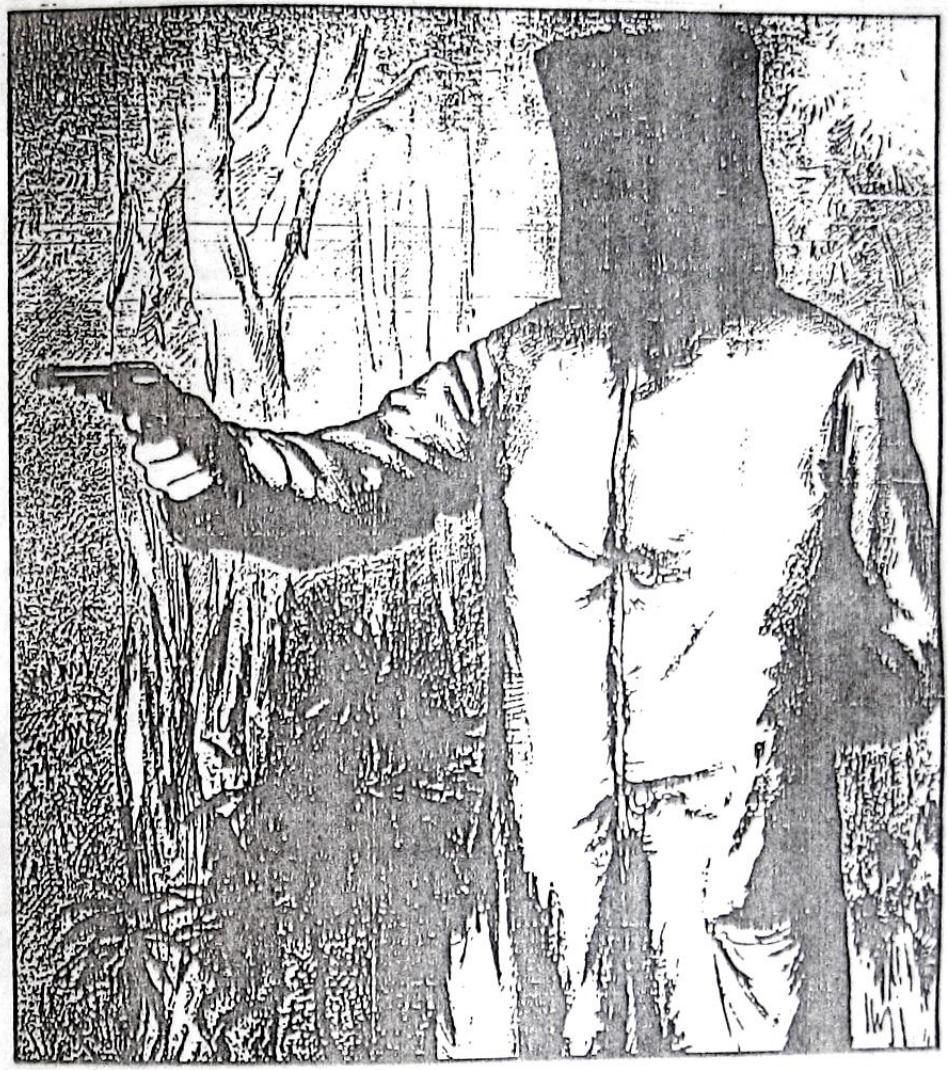
*leave a message for Sarah, Nick or Suzanne at BlackRose 5199194

Agent 86, Ajax.



AVA PROPER GANDER AT ANGRY PEOPLE

National news coverage from a working class perspective. With virtually all print media owned and controlled by people who aren't working class you really can't expect much else but crap. In ANGRY PEOPLE you'll find a load of idea's, articles, photo's, our class' history and news coverage that really is from the streets.

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WELCOME TO THAILAND HOLIDAY IN PARADISE??

In Thailand there is no illusion about freedom of speech, supression of information by the police and military is blatant and often brutal. They censor all news programs to *'provide correct and updated news and info'*. It is very dangerous for people to write or speak anything that is anti-govt. Late last year a group of artists from Chaing Mai had their studio and work destroyed, were beaten and evicted by the military police because their work was *'anti-govt'*. Despite this a group of people called the 'Bangkok Outsiders' put on regular events with art, music street theatre and propaganda to carry on the spirit of the uprising of the people against the military in May '92. The military in Thailand have ruled for much of the 60yrs since the monarchy was overthrown in 1932. They own and control huge secors of the economy including Thai Airways and the postal system. Most of the civilian govts have been puppets of the military - the people had the choice of voting for fat, corrupt cililian politicians or fat corrupt generals. When in March 92 General Suchinda Kraprayoon *'reluctantly'* appointed himself prime mincer, having to step down as military supreme commander - the people had just about had enough.

In Bangkok the students led demonstrations to paliament house and out onto the streets demanding Suchinda's resignation, reform of the govt, and an end to corruption. More and more people came out onto the streets to support them and set up camp at the democracy monument - there were so many people it seemed they couldn't lose. This was the biggest anti-govt uprising since 76 which was followed by 10 yrs of military rule. The govt and military refused to negotiate, they brought in soldiers from the country so that they wouldn't be facing friends or family in the Bangkok streets. They moved in with tear gas and water cannons on the unarmed people with orders to disperse the crowd. The people left, but came back with greater anger, determination and numbers. They went down to the police station on Koh San road (were most travellers stay) and demanded the release of five local people taken hostage. The soldiers opened fire with machine guns killing anyone in sight, they chased people thru the bhuddist monastry to the river where they kept on killing people trying to escape. Hundreds were shot. Later they went to the hospitals to stop anyone treating the protesters. Some govt buildings were burnt down and some people say the soldiers did it to make the crowd look *'out of control'*.

It's no wonder the govt calls for a policy of '*non-interference*' and they seem to get it. Other SE Asian countries like Burma, Malaysia and Laos refused to comment. The Aust govt expressed '*deep regret*' and called for the withdrawal of the Aust troops training with the Royal Thai Special Warfare Command. The U$ cancelled joint military projects, but failed to condemn the massacre. All this comes as no surprise when you see the vested interests rich countries have in Thailand's industrial stability as a source of cheap labour and land use.

When travelling outside Bangkok you pass the new '*Industrial Cities*', ugly grey sprawling monstrocities which are self contained living and work places for millions of Thai people. These places are built by rich cappos in countries like Japan, Amerika, Germany and Australia to exploit cheap labour. People there earn about A$50 a week for 40-60 hrs work. Lots of them come from villages and are forced by shortages to live in these industrial nightmare prisons. There are no unions, award wages, or compensation. Unrest is simmering, with workers attacking security and police, burning their bikes, and threatening to sabotage the factories.

Whereas in Aust, now lots of adds are more subtle, in Thailand consumer advertising is really in ya face-blatant and ugly. Lots of people seem really sucked into the dream of ideal western consumer life. Young people in Bangkok are really into US culture, Levis, Rebox, junkfood and tv. A fat pink Colonel Sanders stands outside the KFC shops, a frightening image of the benevolent patriarchal pig.

Tourism is the biggest profit making sector in Thailand, so any harrasment and brutality is kept well hidden. But the anger and frustration is plain to see on the faces in the street. Sometimes things like human rights abuse in other countries seem a long way away and the images on tv of soldiers killing people somehow hard to comprehend and absorb for what it really is. For me it wasn't really till I talked with friends about the repression in Thailand that the reality started to sink in. We get brainwashed from day 0 that this could never happen in the *lucky country* till you look at what happened to Sean Kenan in Canberra and Shannon Ewan at a Sth Melbourne copshop and realise that we're not so far away from Thailand after all.

Thais are asking for our support to help reclaim their right to freedom of speech and power to make decisions about their lives and future.

LAND OF SMILES: Hop on an elephant or relax on the beach; either way Thailand never fails to enchant the visitor.

some less stressful Thai destinations.

THE traffic has finally beaten me. Much though I love Bangkok, and much though I adore Thailand, I have finally and sadly come to the conclusion that I cannot cope with the traffic in the streets of Bangkok any longer.

There is nothing much to do in Songkhla except contemplate the uncanny ability to eat too much, wander around markets, read good books, and smile a lot.

In Chiang Mai, the traffic is soothing, the shopping cheaper, the night life much less frenetic and the people more relaxed.

This last because they are, without exception, fake and there is no come-back, no possible recompense.

The local inhabitants will always smile back at you. After all, they do not have to face the traffic of Bangkok.

The only warnings I would give to anyone travelling in those areas is to only go trekking among the hill tribes with an authorised and properly recommended guide and never buy any loose gemstones.

Please understand I do not mean that some of the loose gemstones sold on the street and in a few of the shops are fake. I mean all of them are fake and are worth, at the most, a dollar or two.

the republican has no clothes!

»Paul Keating 'won' the 1993 general elections by using the Australian Electoral Commission to threaten six months gaol for encouraging people to vote informal, under an INVALID section 329A of the Commonwealth Electoral Act of 1918. The informal vote dropped by 40 000 and Keating won by less than 2000. Writs for the general election were returned on 26 April. Unless candidates or voters in enough marginal seats file petitions to dispute the returns before 4 June, Keating will get away with it - despite the 'Question Reserved' for the Full Court of the High Court, No. C2 of 1993, to declare section 329A invalid.
...ACT NOW!...«

Albert Langer of the VICN above has asked us to publicise the campaign, the need for petitions and the High Court case. We have referred him to Joe Toscano et. al. in Melbourne and John Jiggens in Brisbane re. their anti-electoral Vote Informal and Vote for Guy Fawkes campaigns respectively. Does anyone know of active anti-electoral activists in Sydney? (Maybe Santa Claus and the Christmas Party? - does anyone know how to contact them?). Langer has a case coming up at the High Court and needs other people to file petitions URGENTLY.
«extract from the VOTE INFORMAL CAMPAIGN NEWS-LETTER (VICN) 9.5.93.

If interested, please contact Langer c/- 34 Fullwood St., Weston 2611, ph [w] (06) 201 2426 or fax. (06) 201 6227 and [ah] (06) 288 4002 as soon as possible. A dossier of materials is available for perusal in the library upstairs at Jura; 110 Crystal St., Petersham.

Contributions to Jura's Debt Elimination Appeal

(previous total to March 20 = $14, 829)

Anon	$500
Arthur & Corinne Cantrill	$100
Anon	$500
John W.	$30
Barbara Hart	$20
Alison Leitch	$500
Anon	$400
Cuevos	$50
Anon	$30
Total	**$16, 959**

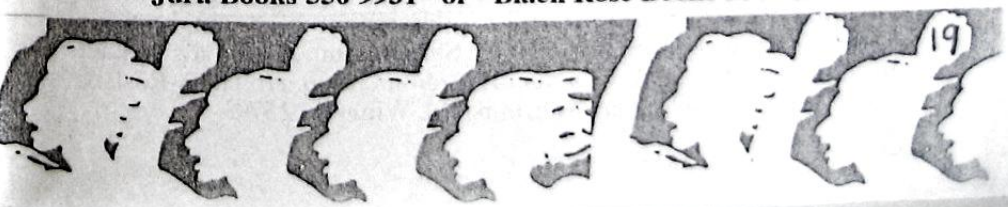
Great stuff—thanks!

ANARCHIST INFORMATION ROOM

The idea of having a centre for anarchist information exchange was enthusiastically welcomed by around 40 Sydney anarchists at the recent April Pow Wow. Everyone was agreed that the need to develop a Sydney-wide anarchist newsletter/bulletin board in the interests of local co-operation, unity and strength—and of providing an interstate and international electronic information exchange facility—*is urgent* if we are seriously challenge current state-capitalism.

Fortunately a very pleasant and large double room upstairs at Jura Books is available for this purpose. At the moment we have a beautiful empty room with a charming view and it is up to the Sydney anarchist community to fill it with the necessay equipment—either by pooling or donating the necessay hardware: terminals, modum, scanner, fax, printer, photocopier, satelite dish, desks & chairs. It is hoped that this new anarchist and community service will become a vital source of information and news for activists country-wide, thus allowing Sydney anarchists to work, play and struggle together more effectively. We urge you to become involved in making this vital new initiative a positive reality. Already we have received a $50 donation and the offer of two desks. A special bank account is being opened for all donations. Another Pow Wow will be held in Newtown on **Sunday 20th June**—all welcome! In the meantime if you have equipment/energy/money to contribute please phone:

Jura Books 550 9931 or Black Rose Books 519 9194



WHAT'S ON & COMING EVENTS ...

'Death for Sale': 7:45—9am Thurs & Fri. 3/4 June, Hyatt Kingsgate Hotel, Kings Cross. Protesting the "Defence Opportunities for Industry" Conference. Organised by the Sydney Anti-Bases Action Committee (ph. 267 2772).

Justice Campaign for the Hilton Bomb Victims: 2pm Sat. 5 June, Rationalist Association, 58 Regent St. Chippendale (ph. 568 2279)

Unemployed Gathering: 1pm Sunday 6 June, 294 Harris St. Ultimo. Free Food!

Black Rose Vegan Dinner; 6pm Sun. 6 June, 583 King St. Newtown (ph. 519 9194). Often a video too ...

International Narmada Action Day: 10 June, Indian Consulate, 153 Walker St. North Sydney. For details/enquiries contact Aid/Watch, P.O. Box 652 Woollahra 2025 (ph. 349 6593).

Fighting the A.T.P. (Advance Technology Park): Thurs.10 June. For details contact Anna, Heidi or Polly on 660 5222; George or Cass on 330 1155.

Sydney Under Ground Youth Festival: Sunday 13 June, Newtown Tram Depot (beside Newtown station). Enquiries contact Kylie on 519 4345.

Anarchist Pow Wow III: 12 noon Sunday 20 June, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre. Food & drink available for the price of a small donation!

Labour History Conference: 24—27 June, Newcastle. Contact Bob James, History Department, Uni. of Newcastle. (Anyone interested in helping with an A bookstall, contact Peter on 568 2279).

Jura Quarterly Meeting: 2pm 11 July, at The Shop.

Anarcho-Syndicalist Strategy Conference: 17—18 July, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre. Contact P.O. Box 92 Broadway (ph: 550 9931).

Alfalfa House Benefit: 3—8 pm Sun. 25 July, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre. (ph: 519 3374).

Celebration of Life Under Capitalism *(in a police state)*: 1pm Wednesday 28 July, Sydney University frontlawn. Contact the Extremely Liberal Club if you can help (ph. 557 3372).

Jura Open Day & Book Launch: Val Plumwood's *Feminism and the Mastery of Nature* plus photography/art exhibit by Don Little. Sometime in December ...

No Megatip for Sydney's Garbage in the Southern Highlands: Ongoing campaign against the establishment of a megatip for Sydney's waste in the Wingecarribee Shire region. For details contact the Southern Highlands Community Action Group, c/o Hans Post & Gina Behrens. The Retreat. Murrimba Rd. Wingello 2579.